



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: Monday, September 24, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chairman Pepe, Vice Chair Woodbury, Clerk Stevens, Members Berthiaume & Fritze, and Town Administrator Gaudette

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman Pepe called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the Business Meeting and Executive Session of September 10, 2012 and Workshop Meetings of July 16 and August 20, 2012 (/Berthiaume /Fritze) passed 5/0.

Citizen Input:

Christine Alessandro, 85 Jolicoeur Avenue thanked the Board for relocating the Senior Center to Wall Street, and requested the Board increase the COA Director's hours.

Communications:

- a) Mr. Gaudette introduced Electrician Paul Berthiaume and asked the Board to recognize him for consistently going above and beyond when performing electrical work for the Town. Mr. Berthiaume also donated all material and labor for the lighting of the War Memorials in the Town Hall Rotunda. Mr. Pepe presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Berthiaume for his volunteer service to the Town.
- b) Halloween Hours Announcement: Police Chief Darrin set hours for Trick-or-Treat for Wednesday, October 31, 2012, from 5:30-6:30 pm. Mr. Berthiaume announced the Halloween Party will be held immediately following Trick-or-Treat from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Great Hall.

Old Business:

- a) Discussion: Prouty 5K/1-Mile Fun Run - Ross Blacker of MHPI informed the Board that the September 15th Race/Walk had a 300% increase in the number of competitors over last year. Mr. Blacker introduced winners that were present at the meeting: Douglas Shea, Emma Cote, Dan Ford, Nicole Cummings, and Barbara McManus. The Board congratulated the winners.
- b) Action Item: Vote to Lay Out Candlewood Drive as a Public Way

A motion to lay out Candlewood Drive as a Public Way was approved. (Berthiaume/Fritz) passed 5/0.

- c) Action Item: Policy Introduction: Economic Development Charge

***A motion to adopt the Economic Development Committee Charge was approved.
(Berthiaume/Woodbury) passed 5/0.***

- d) Discussion: Sex Offender Bylaw Follow-up

The Board reviewed the revised bylaw. Mr. Gaudette will check with Town Counsel on how to designate the public beach residency restriction.

New Business:

- a) Action Item: Set Rates for Snow Plow Contractors, Steve Tyler, U&F Superintendent
Mr. Eben Butler was present. He reported all rates are the same as last year with the exception of the loader.

A motion to accept new rates as written (Berthiaume/Woodbury) passed 5/0.

- b) Discussion Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project, Timothy D. Deschamps, Executive Director, and Lee Jarvis, Health Agent

Mr. Gaudette reported that there has been a great deal of information becoming available relative to Triple E and West Nile Virus, and asked for a mosquito control proposal for the Board's review.

Mr. Deschamps reported he provides mosquito control to forty communities in Massachusetts. The assessment amount for each community is determined by land area and valuations. The program involves:

- Larva control - apply bacteria in water to prevent larva from hatching
- Free curb side pickup of tires; they are a habitat for mosquitoes
- A program to clean and maintain ditches
- Surveillance using specialized traps to test for viruses
- Public school education program
- Senior/adult education program
- Research and efficacy - continually advancing projects

Mr. Deschamps noted this has been the worst year with the virus identified first in birds, followed by mammals, and now humans.

Mr. Gaudette said the time for spraying is coming to a close with the arrival of the fall weather. At this point, if the Board went forward, it may make sense to treat the water and avoid spraying. Residents have the option to exclude their direct property. Mr. Pepe recommends waiting until spring.

Mr. Jarvis said this is of high concern from a Board of Health stand point and it is hard to ignore public safety in terms of cost. The Board can vote to move forward with the program pending funding approval at Town Meeting.

At this time, the Board agreed to defer until the spring budget discussion and thanked Mr. Deschamps and Mr. Jarvis.

- c) Vote to object/not object KENO to GO to be sold at Spencer Sunoco, 73 West Main Street, in accordance with MGL c. 10, §27A

Mr. Gaudette informed the Board that they have the right to object to the sale of KENO to GO in accordance with MGL c. 10, §27A, however he advised that they do not object.

A motion to not object to KENO to GO (Berthiaume/Stevens) passed 5/0.

- d) Action Item: Approve CDBG 2012 Grant Administration Contract with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Mr. Gaudette reported that the Town was awarded a \$450,000 grant housing rehabilitation, the redesign of Mechanics St. and the southwest downtown infrastructure study. The board reviewed a proposed agreement with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. A Community Advisory Committee will need to be appointed.

A Motion to enter into agreement with Pioneer Valley Planning Administration for grant administration (Berthiaume/ Fritze) passed 5/0.

- e) Leadership Hall Nomination

Mr. Berthiaume presented a secret ballot to Board members and noted that nominees must exhibit longstanding service to community. The Board will vote and finalize at a future meeting.

- f) Appoint Patricia Woods as Registrar of Voters
Eleanor O'Conner was present and asked that the Board to appoint Patricia Woods as Registrar.

A Motion to appoint Patricia Woods as Registrar of Voters was approved. (Woodbury/Berthiaume) 5/0.

Town Administrator's Report:

- a) Fall Special Town Meeting Draft Warrant Review

Mr. Gaudette reviewed the draft with the Board. There was discussion on the State mandated requirement to pay 100% of transportation costs for students attending out of district schools. Mr. Gaudette is working with other Towns to correct this unfunded mandate.

The Board agreed to remove a \$250,000 authorization off the books, originally approved for a retaining wall and HVAC in 2007. The Board will formally vote on this at the meeting when the final Warrant is voted.

Board Liaison Reports:

- a) Mr. Pepe reported that the Financial Management Planning Committee is moving forward with public hearings on roads projects. Road improvements were the top priority of Town residents responding to a recent survey.

Citizen Input:

- a) Carl Kwiatkowski, 113 Meadow Rd, asked about the Town's assessment for Baypath. Mr. Gaudette said it is \$2.4 million. Mr. Kwiatkowski also asked about the large dip in the road in front of his house. Mr. Butler informed him it is slated for repair.
- b) Eleanor O'Conner announced upcoming election information for 2012: October 4th Special Town Election for Baypath, November 1st Special Town Meeting, and November 6th Federal Election.

Board Member and Staff Comments:

None

At 7:56 pm a motion to meet in Executive Session (Berthiaume / Fritze) in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A § 21 ¶ 1 for the purposes of discussing strategy with respect to contract negotiations with non-union personnel; passed with a roll call vote: Berthiaume-yes, Woodbury-yes, Fritze-yes, Stevens-yes, Pepe-yes.

Chairman Pepe advised that the board will now enter into executive session not to reconvene in open session, accept to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Assistant

_____ Chairman

_____ Vice Chairman

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_____	Date

Referenced Documents:

Economic Development committee Charge
Snow Plow Contractor Rates
Mosquito Control Program
Contract with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Nov. 1, 2012 Special Town Meeting Warrant